

MILLOM URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Summary of action taken during the year ending December 31st, 1895, to prevent the spread of Disease :—

*Small-pox.* No cases.

*Scarlet Fever.* Three hundred and fifty-six cases were reported, but only six deaths. Every care was taken to prevent its spread, notice being sent to the School Attendance Officer, Free Library, &c. Disinfectants were freely used, but owing to the steam disinfecter being out of order those wishing to use it had to be refused, and this no doubt has caused in some measure the large number of cases which still continue.

*Typhus Fever.* No cases.

*Enteric Fever.* 14 cases, with two deaths. These were all sporadic in their origin, and I usually found them in houses with some defective drains.

*Diarrhoea.* One death. Has not been nearly so prevalent this year as in former years.

*Diphtheria.* Three cases ; one death.

*Croup.* Two cases ; both died.

*Whooping Cough.* No cases.

*Measles.* A few cases ; no deaths.

*Erysipelas.* Ten cases ; no deaths.

*Notification of Disease.* 385 were reported : scarlet fever, 356 ; enteric fever, 14 ; diphtheria, 3 ; erysipelas 10 ; croup, 2.

*Sanitary State of the District.*—Continues to improve, and the work of converting open privies into W.C.'s still continues, and 103 were so done during the year, leaving 413 still to be seen to. The total number of W.C.'s in the district is now 1377. Notice has been served on the owners of 347 common privies.

*Water.* Good in quantity and quality.

*Bad Meat.* Not any.

*Offensive Trades or Smoke.* Not any.

*Sewerage.* Very satisfactory. The sewer outlets at Steel Green, Concrete Square, and Salthouse have been extended, which will much improve their efficiency.

*Scavenging.* Continues to give satisfaction as done by the Council's men and horses. 10,344 were emptied during the year, an increase of 148 on last year, and the largest number we have ever had.

Reports have been made to each Council meeting, showing the work done, birth and death rate, and other matters connected with the sanitary state of the district ; and a house to house inspection has been made at least once during the year to the 1,750 houses within the district, an increase of six over last year, and a special visit has been made when a nuisance was reported. Also 31 vessels at Duddon pier were inspected, 12 slaughter-houses, and four common lodging houses.

The deaths number 154, or 15.82 per 1,000, an increase of 46 over last year. 52 under one year, and 23 between one and five, showing that nearly half the deaths were in children under five years of age.

Zymotic disease, 13 against 8 last year, 8 under five years of age ; and with 356 cases of scarlet fever reported, this is very good.

Births, 324, or 33.209 per 1,000—a decrease of 15 from last year.

Inspector of Nuisances. This department continues to give every satisfaction.

I enclose tables as required by the Local Government Board.

(Signed) P. BUTLER STONEY,

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Millom, 29th February, 1896.

